(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Questions do not arise.

Gas Based Fertilizer Plant

4732. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to fix a cut-off date for the gas-based fertilizer plants to be fed by the HBJ pipeline, before which they are to be commissioned, failing which the available gas resource would be diverted to other uses; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in respect of each plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHANKUMAR): (a) and (b). No such decision has been taken so far.

Steps to Reduce Import of Oil

473. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to check the powers of the oil bureaucracy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to reduce the Import Bill which is likely to be increased due to the soviet Union's limit on supply of oil products to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b). The bureaucracy is under the effective supervision and control of the Government.

(c) Steps to increase indigenous crude oil and refinery production, and to promote oil conservation and demand management measures, are being taken to reduce oil imports.

[*Translation*]

Joint Implementation of Irrigation Projects

4734. SHRI SIMON MARANDi: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether many State Government have refused to accept the advice of the Planning Commission regarding joint implementation of some irrigation Projects;

(b) if so, whether the implementation of such projects is likely to be affected adversely due to scarcity of funds as a result thereof;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount sanctioned by the Government to speed up the process of implementation of these irrigation projects during the current financial year, State-wise?

THE MNISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA:(a) to (d) Inter-State projects are formulated and taken up for joint implementation through mutual agreement between the basin States. Irrigation projects are investigated, formulated, planned and implemented by the State Governments out of

their own budgetary resources as per inter-se priorities. The Central assistance is in the form of block grants and loans not tied to any sector of development or to the project. However, the plan proposals of the State Governments including outlays on inter-State projects are finalised with concurrence of the Planning Commission.

Wastage of LPG

4735. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of LPG wasted during the last three years along with their locations due to the absence of maintenance facilities;

(b) whether the government propose to offer contract to any private agency to control this wastage; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) As reported by the Oil Companies there is no wastage of LPG on account of absence of maintenance facilities with them.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Oil in Bombay High

4736. SHRI SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee constituted to probe into the causes of less production of oil in Bombay High and the issues of management therein has since submitted its report to the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon by the Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Committee's conclusions include, inter alia:- that the levels of withdrawal of crude oil have deviatd from those recommendedby the development schemes and that while such deviation was justified according to accepted industry practices, they were perhaps not justified with regard to the point of view of maintenance of reservoir health; that periods of over-exploitation with regard to delays in implementation of pressure maintenance schemes have contributed to the incidence of high gas oil ratios etc. but that there is no unequivocal evidence to indicate that losses in the production of exploitable reserves have resulted from any of these factors. The recommendations of the Committee are under the consideration of the Government.

[English]

Irregularities in Indian Council of World Affairs

4737. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation regarding mismanagement and irregularities prevailing in the Indian Council of World Affairs; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?